



4 Day Taste of Mushing Tour

This is an exciting dog sled tour filled with fun and adventure for the beginner musher. Spend your days mushing your own team of Huskies through the pristine wilderness surrounding Sky High Wilderness Ranch. Relax in the evenings with a gravity fed shower, sauna or snuggled up by the fire recounting your day's adventure with others on your tour! We do everything we can to ensure that this is your adventure of a lifetime and that you go home with many happy memories of your visit at Sky High.

Our Ranch is located on the shores of Fish Lake, surrounded by majestic mountains that are waiting to be explored by you and your trusted team of dogs!

All meals are in the main lodge with other guests on tours at Sky High. Meals are informal, family style and follow a set menu each day.

Day 1 | *Saturday*

The morning on the day of your tour you will be picked up at 10AM in the hotel lobby. As a group we will do some last minute shopping and pick up any items missing from the packing list. Afterwards we drive to the Sky High Wilderness Ranch, 20km South of Whitehorse where we outfit you with your expedition clothing.

Enjoy a light lunch and then be introduced to your 4 legged companions for the tour. Now you learn the basics of; dog care, checking their feet and shoulders, dog massage, sledding and parts of the sled. Harness your team, hook up and go for your very first run! After taking care of the dogs we can enjoy the sauna, have a shower, hot dinner and cozy up by the fire. (Lunch, Dinner)



Overview

- Dates: Departs Saturdays (Dec 2019 to March 2020)
- Rates in CAD: \$1465 + GST per person
- Room in Whitehorse: \$127 + GST
- Max. 6 guests per guide
- Min. age 12 years

Highlights

- Learn to mush
- Drive your own team of Huskies
- Off-grid living
- Lodge stay with sauna

Day 2 | *Sunday*

While the morning sun lifts slowly over the magnificent horizon, we say good morning to our new canine friends and ensure they are fed, watered and happy. Then we sit in the comfort of our Lodge dining room to have breakfast and plan our day. Today we cover approx 35km in distance driving towards secluded Jackson Lake. The only sound will be the runners in the snow, the working dogs, and your words of encouragement. This is the day that you begin to know each dog's personality and form a bond that only man and dog can understand. With every stop, praise and show of affection for your dogs, they will learn to trust you and you to trust them. Relax in our sod roof sauna before retiring for the night. Overnight at Sky High Wilderness Ranch. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Day 3 | *Monday*

Today your team will pull you east of the ranch. As we climb in elevation we are heading onto an old abandoned mining road on McIntyre Mountain. Enjoy the rugged landscape of the coastal mountains nestling Fish Lake in its valley. Keep an eye out for wildlife - you never know what you might see! Return to Sky High lodge for the night. Take care of the dogs, then curl up by the fire or sit around the dinner table recounting your adventures with others. There is a gravity fed shower waiting for you in the main lodge. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 | *Tuesday*

This day takes us towards beautiful Bonneville Lakes, west of the ranch. The trails are narrower here with some challenging ups and downs. The scenery is breathtaking and the coastal mountains are always in view to the south and west. Part of the trip we are above tree line and easily cover 20-30km. A breath of new life will creep slowly into your soul and in harmony with the running rhythm of your team you will enjoy nature like you have never experienced it before. Take it all in and these memories will go with you as you continue your journey home. In late afternoon we drive you to Whitehorse where you spend your last night at the Best Western Gold Rush Inn. Here you will receive your musher's Diploma. (Breakfast, Lunch)

INCLUDED

- Transfer from and to Whitehorse
- Accommodation in cabins (3 nights, double room)
- Last night accommodation in Whitehorse hotel (1 night, double room)
- All meals including non-alcoholic beverages, except: Breakfast Day 1; Dinner Day 4 in Whitehorse
- Use of personal sled and 3-6 Huskies
- Winter boots included
- Musher Diploma

NOT INCLUDED

- Alcoholic beverages (we buy jointly before the tour)
- Meals in hotel/restaurants: Breakfast Day 1; Dinner Day 4
- Winter clothing rentals: Northern Outfitters Jacket, Pants (\$35/item); sleeping bag (\$45 each); mitts (\$20/pair)
- Hats, neck warmers/scarf
- All expenses of personal nature
- Gratuity



Please note:

* To participate, you must be healthy, enjoy working with dogs and have a good team spirit. Dog sledding is a physical activity so you should be in relatively good physical shape. You don't just stand on the back of a sled and wait for the adventure to happen like in the movies. YOU have to work, YOU have to be fit. YOU are running with your sled to help the dogs up the hills or pushing it along with your legs. YOU do have to use your body to go on the trails to slow down and go round corners. YOU do help feed the dogs after they work hard all day, YOU do clear up dog poo at camp and set them up with straw for the night. YOU do ensure your kit is ready and checked every morning before YOU harness the dogs.

* We point out, that unforeseeable circumstances such as weather conditions, wind chill factor, extreme temperatures (-30 or lower), condition of the group or illness of the dogs may force us to change this itinerary. The safety of our guests takes precedence and our decisions are final.

* You will be required to sign a "release of claims and waiver of liability form" prior to the departure of this tour.

* We strongly suggest that all of our guests consider the purchase of travel insurance for protection against cancellation penalties and many other unforeseeable circumstances such as emergency medical evacuation.

* We offer hearty home cooked meals prepared by our guides in our cozy lodge kitchen. We do not charge for special diets however we do require a Doctor's note in order for us to cater to any special diet. Space for cooking and food storage is limited and therefore ask that you send Doctor's note with all dietary issues/allergies at least 2 weeks in advance of your arrival so that we can be organized and prepared for your stay.

Packing List

- Thermal Underwear- 2 long sleeve shirts and 2 pants
- Fleece Pants and Sweater
- Neck Warmer and Balaclava
- Fleece Hat (Toque) or Fur hat
- Thermal Socks - 4 pairs
- Gloves
- Head Lamp, With lithium batteries
- Camera
- Indoor shoes or slippers

NOTE: No cotton!

The above items can be purchased in Whitehorse but make note that near the end of the season some items may be hard to find.

